

Date: May 22, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police
From: Jon M. Peter, Assistant Chief
Subject: 2013 United States Marshals Service (USMS) Equipment Donation

Executive Summary

The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department is receiving a donation grant of a vehicle from the U. S. Marshals Service (USMS) for law enforcement purposes. The vehicle will be utilized by the Durham Police Investigator representative on the USMS Joint Fugitive Task Force. The cost of the vehicle will be absorbed by the USMS, however, maintenance and fuel costs will not be funded by the USMS at this time. The estimated value of the vehicle is approximately \$35,000.

Recommendation

The Police Department recommends that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept the 2013 USMS Equipment Donation of a vehicle for use by the DPD representative of the USMS Joint Fugitive Task Force.
2. Adopt the 2013 USMS Equipment Donation Grant Project Ordinance in the amount of \$35,000.

Background

The Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000 provides that, "the Attorney General shall, upon consultation with appropriate Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury law enforcement components, establish permanent Fugitive Apprehension Task Forces consisting of Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities in designated regions of the United States, to be directed and coordinated by the US Marshals Service, for the purpose of locating and apprehending fugitives."

Since 2006, the Durham Police Department has assigned a Durham Police Investigator to the U. S. Marshall Fugitive Apprehension Task Force, North Carolina Central District. The assigned investigator's duties include locating violent felony offenders who are wanted by local, state and federal agencies. The offenders include suspects who have committed violent offenses in Durham or have committed offenses in other jurisdictions but are staying in the Durham area. The donated vehicle will be utilized by the Durham Police Investigator on this US Marshall Federal Task Force.

Issues/Analysis

The equipment being donated will provide the Police Department with additional resources for officers to carry out their duties and protection to the City of Durham.

Alternatives

The City of Durham could choose to not receive the donated vehicle from USMS. The officer will continue to use a vehicle that is supplied by the Durham Police Department.

Financial Impact

There will be no additional financial impact on the City's General Fund.

SDBE Summary

Due to the nature of this item, a SDBE summary is not required.

Attachments

Ordinance – 2013 USMS Equipment Donation Grant Project
Letter – USMS Equipment Letter